

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A playback apparatus comprising:

reservation controller for recording a plurality
of desired programs on a recording medium so as to
5 reserve in advance a playback order of the plurality of
recorded programs;

creator for creating a user original program guide
on the basis of the playback order reserved by said
reservation controller; and

10 reproducer for playing back the plurality of
recorded programs in an order based on the program
guide.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1, comprising
playback order controller for automatically controlling
15 the playback order of the plurality of recorded
programs on the basis of at least one of the playback
order reserved by said reservation controller and a log
of executed playback.

3. An apparatus according to claim 1, comprising
20 playback mode selector for selecting a manual
playback mode or automatic playback mode in
correspondence with mode selection operation,

playback start instructor for instructing playback
start in correspondence with playback start operation,

25 setter for setting a playback start time
in correspondence with playback start time input
operation, and

5 playback controller for starting playback of
the plurality of recorded programs in the order
based on the program guide when the manual playback
mode is selected by said selector and the playback
start is instructed by said playback start instructor,
and starting playback of the plurality of recorded
programs in the order based on the program guide when
the automatic playback mode is selected by said
selector and the playback start time set by said setter
comes.

10 4. An apparatus according to claim 1, comprising
display for displaying the program guide in
correspondence with program guide display operation.

15 5. A playback apparatus comprising:
reservation controller for reserving recording of
desired programs and a playback order of the recorded
programs; and

20 reproducer for playing back the recorded programs
in the playback order reserved by said reservation
controller.

25 6. An apparatus according to claim 5, comprising
playback order controller for automatically controlling
the playback order of the recorded programs on the
basis of at least one of the playback order reserved by
said reservation controller and a log of executed
playback.

7. An apparatus according to claim 5, comprising

playback mode selector for selecting a manual
playback mode or automatic playback mode in
correspondence with mode selection operation,

5 playback start instructor for instructing playback
start in correspondence with playback start operation,

setter means for setting a playback start time
in correspondence with playback start time input
operation, and

10 playback controller for starting playback of the
recorded programs in the playback order reserved by
said reservation controller when the manual playback
mode is selected by said selector and the playback
start is instructed by said playback start instructor,
and starting playback of the recorded programs in the
15 playback order reserved by said reservation controller
when the automatic playback mode is selected by said
selector and the playback start time set by said setter
comes.

20 8. An apparatus according to claim 5, comprising
playback order controller for automatically
controlling the playback order of the plurality of
recorded programs on the basis of at least one of the
playback order reserved by said reservation controller
and a log of executed playback,

25 playback mode selector for selecting a manual
playback mode or automatic playback mode in
correspondence with mode selection operation,

5 playback start instructor for instructing playback
start in correspondence with playback start operation,
setter for setting a playback start time
in correspondence with playback start time input
operation, and

10 playback controller for starting playback of the
plurality of recorded programs in the playback order
reserved by said reservation controller when the manual
playback mode is selected by said selector and the
playback start is instructed by said playback start
instructor, and starting playback of the plurality of
recorded programs in the playback order reserved by
said reservation controller when the automatic playback
mode is selected by said selector and the playback
15 start time set by said setter means comes.

9. A playback apparatus comprising:

reserve means for recording a plurality of desired
programs on a recording medium and reserving in advance
a playback order of the plurality of recorded programs;
20 creation means for creating a linked program guide
which links a user original program guide based on
the playback order reserved by said reserve means
with a program guide corresponding to broadcast
corresponding to current broadcast; and
25 playback means for playing back the plurality of
recorded programs in an order based on the linked
program guide.

10. An apparatus according to claim 9, comprising display means for displaying the linked program guide in correspondence with program guide display operation.

11. A playback method comprising:

5 the first step of reserving in advance a playback order of a plurality of recorded programs;

 the second step of creating a user original program guide on the basis of the playback order reserved in the first step; and

10 the third step of playing back the plurality of recorded programs in an order based on the program guide created in the second step.

12. A method according to claim 11, comprising the step of controlling the playback order of the plurality
15 of recorded programs on the basis of at least one of the playback order reserved in the first step and a log of executed playback.

13. A method according to claim 11, comprising the steps of

20 starting playback of the plurality of recorded programs in the order based on the program guide created in the second step when a manual playback mode is selected and playback start is instructed, and

 starting playback of the plurality of recorded
25 programs in the order based on the program guide created in the second step when an automatic playback mode is selected and a preset playback start time

comes.

14. A method according to claim 11, comprising the step of displaying the program guide in correspondence with program guide display operation.

5 15. A playback method comprising:

the first step of reserving recording of desired programs and a playback order of the recorded programs; and

10 the second step of playing back the recorded programs in the playback order reserved in the first step.

16. A method according to claim 15, comprising the step of controlling the playback order of the recorded programs on the basis of at least one of the playback order reserved in the first step and a log of executed
15 playback.

17. A method according to claim 15, comprising the steps of

20 starting playback of the recorded programs on the basis of the playback order reserved in the first step when a manual playback mode is selected and playback start is instructed, and

25 starting playback of the recorded programs on the basis of the playback order reserved in the first step when an automatic playback mode is selected and a preset playback start time comes.

18. A method according to claim 15, comprising

the steps of

controlling the playback order of the recorded programs on the basis of at least one of the playback order reserved in the first step and a log of executed playback,

starting playback of the recorded programs on the basis of the playback order reserved in the first step when a manual playback mode is selected and playback start is instructed, and

starting playback of the recorded programs on the basis of the playback order reserved in the first step when an automatic playback mode is selected and a preset playback start time comes.

19. A playback method comprising:

the first step of reserving in advance a playback order of a plurality of recorded programs;

the second step of creating a linked program guide which links a user original program guide based on the playback order reserved in the first step with a program guide corresponding to broadcast corresponding to current broadcast; and

the third step of playing back the plurality of recorded programs in an order based on the linked program guide created in the second step.

20. A method according to claim 19, comprising the step of displaying the linked program guide in correspondence with program guide display operation.